

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0013], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0013] A protective cover 30 that provides a physical protection to prevent a user from touching a drive mechanism, such as the optical pickup 10 or a pickup carriage, is arranged between the optical disc 2 placed on the turntable 1 and the optical pickup 10. The protective cover 30 is fixed on a supporting frame 46 (~~not shown~~) that movably supports the optical pickup 10. The protective cover 30 is formed from a material excellent in heat radiation such as aluminum or copper.

Please replace paragraph number [0013], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0031] The optical pickup 10 configured as described above is mounted to the main shaft and the sub-shaft arranged inside a supporting frame 46 shown in Fig. 4 via the main bearings 51 and the sub-bearing 50 ~~52~~ shown in Fig. 5. In the supporting frame 46, a pickup carriage (not shown) including a motor and a circuit board 45 are arranged. A flexible printed-circuit board 47 is connected to the circuit board 45.